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## **COLONEL KENNETH D. MERCHANT**

Colonel Kenneth D. Merchant is vice Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill AFB, Utah. The center provides worldwide logistics management, engineering, supply, contracting, and depot maintenance for a wide variety of aircraft and munitions related platforms. He is responsible for five wings to include the 75<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, the 84<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Wing, the 309<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Wing, the 508<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Sustainment Wing and the 526<sup>th</sup> Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Systems Wing.

Colonel Merchant was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1980 upon graduation from Grove City College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Engineering Management. He has been a program manager on numerous weapon system development and production programs including the Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared System for Night (LANTIRN), GBU-15, AGM-130, Airfield Attack, Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser, Sensor Fused Weapon, Joint Standoff Weapon, Air Force One, KC-10, E-4, DV Transport Fleet and the F-22. He also served as Air Staff Program Element Monitor (PEM) for the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM), Executive to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, directed the Area Attack Systems Program Office, Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) Aircraft Materiel Systems Group, and Battle Management Command, Control and Computer Systems Wing and commanded the AWACS and AEW&C Systems Group and the 551<sup>st</sup> Electronic Systems Wing at Hanscom AFB, Mass.



## **EDUCATION**

1980 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management, Grove City College, Grove City, Pa.

1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB Ala.

1986 Program Manager's Course, Defense Systems Management College, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

1987 Master of Science in Management, Troy State University, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1998 Master of Arts, National Resource Management, National Defense University, D.C.

1998 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C.

2000 Executive Program Managers Course, DSMC, Ft Belvoir, Va.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Oct 1980 – Feb 1982, Program Manager, Runway Damage Assessment System, ASD/RWR, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2. Feb 1982 - Apr 1984, Program Manager, LANTIRN Navigation Pod, ASD/RWN, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. Apr 1984 - Jun 1984, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. Jun 1984 – Jan 1986, Program Manager, GBU-15/AGM-130 Support Equipment, AD/YG, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. Jan 1986 – Jun 1986, Student, Defense Systems Management College, Ft Belvoir, Va.
6. Jun 1986 – Jun 1987, Program Manager, Direct Airfield Attack Combined Munition, AD/YU, Eglin AFB, Fla.
7. Jun 1987 - Feb 1988, Executive Officer to Deputy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, AD/CZ, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. Feb 1988 - Jul 1988, Special Programs Liaison, AD/YJ, Eglin AFB, Fla.
9. Jul 1988 – Jul 1989, Chief, Executive Services, SAF/AQ, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

10. Jul 1989 – Aug 1990, Armament/Ordnance PEM, SAF/AQP, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. Aug 1990 – Dec 1991, AMRAAM PEM, SAF/AQP, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. Dec 1991 – Jul 1992, Executive Officer to the Director, Tactical Programs, SAF/AQP, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. Jul 1992 – Jul 1993, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. Jul 1993 – Feb 1994, Lead, F-22 Utilities & Subsystems Integrated Product Team (IPT), ASC/YF, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. Feb 1994 – Jul 1997, Lead, F-22 Airframe IPT, ASC/YF, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. Jul 1997 – Jun 1998, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
17. Jul 1998 – Feb 1999, Chief, Commander's Action Group, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
18. Feb 1999 – May 2000, Executive Officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
19. May 2000 – Jun 2002, Director, Area Attack Weapons System Program Office, Eglin AFB, Fla.
20. June 2002 – Jun 2004, Materiel Group Director, Contractor Logistics Support Aircraft, Tinker AFB, Okla.
21. Jun 2004 – Aug 2004, Materiel Wing Director, Battle Management C3, Electronic Systems Center Hanscom AFB, Mass.
22. Aug 2004 - Feb 2005, Commander, AWACS & AEWG Systems Group, A2SG/CC, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
23. Feb 2005 - Jan 2006, Commander, 551<sup>st</sup> Electronic Systems Wing, 551 ESW/CC, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
24. Jan 2006 - Present, Vice Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, OO-ALC/CV, Hill AFB, Utah.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

AF Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

AF Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit

SAF/AQP PEM of the Quarter, 1989

F-22 SPO Senior Level Professional of the Quarter, 1994 & 1996

F-22 SPO Team of the Quarter, 1997

Aeronautical Systems Center/Air Force Association Team Award, 1995

AFMC Gen Bernard A. Shriever Program Management Award, 2001

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Oct 10, 1980

First Lieutenant Oct 10, 1982

Captain Oct 10, 1984

Major Nov 1, 1992

Lieutenant Colonel Jan 1, 1997

Colonel Apr 1, 2001

**(Current as of February 2006)**